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Several Stores In Pageland Robbed.

Recently several stores in Pageland and other neighboring towns have been looted and a good portion of the profits have been sent away through the mails. This bold but clever practice has gone on in such a quiet way that little has been said of it—in fact some of the owners of the stores have not realized perhaps that anything has gone wrong. No safe crackers or house breakers have been here, but the catalogues of the big mail-order houses are flooding the country and money that should go to the home merchant is going to swell the enormous profits of the big corporations in Chicago and New York.

In speaking of the distribution of these catalogues a West Virginia editor has the following to say:

You will probably say, as you laugh up your sleeve, that times are hard, that people have no money, and that advertising in this instance will not pay the Chicago mail-order house. But don't you be fooled.

Years of experience has taught these big business men behind the mail-order house that the profits of the world in all lines of trade and commerce are built on advertising.

If it didn't pay them to advertise, do you think for one minute that they would do it on such a large scale? And think of the hundreds of big mail order houses doing exactly what this one Chicago mail-order house is doing right here under our very noses. Then multiply this big result will startle you.

You have your remedy, you have always had it, but you persistently fail to apply it.

You should fight the mail-order house with its own weapon—advertising.

You think that won't pay. But what have you got to say about the figures? Are they not proof that it does pay? Have you given it a fair trial? No. Then try it!

When the newspaper attacks the mail-order house, when it urges the home people to spend their dollars at home with the home merchants you laud it, you cheer it, you give to the editor words of encouragement, and say "go to it that's just fine."

Of course that is the advertising in which you believe, and you believe in it, because it does not cost you anything.

But what if the home newspaper always boosting your business, keeping the dollar at home for you, asks you to buy fifty dollars worth of space a year to be used in inviting the home people to patronize your business. Ah, that is another matter.

"Swat the fly" has but recently become a popular slogan. The slogan of the city mail-order house has been for years "swat the small merchant" and the implement of war is advertising. You have at your command the same implement with which to "swat the mail-order house." Use it.

Co-operate with your home newspaper, the benefits will be mutual. The newspaper uses its space without cost to you to keep the dollars at home for you so you should buy some of the space to get the dollars. It is not the custom of the American citizen to go where he is not invited to go. If he is invited to buy in Chicago he will buy there, but he would rather buy at home if he were invited to do

Russians Fight But Keep on the Run

London, June 27.—The Russians again are retreating in Galicia, both north and south of Lemberg, and in Poland the Germans have launched another attack against Warsaw in the form of a drive from the north through Przasnysz.

The new blow at the Polish Capital has been preceded by a furious artillery action. The fact is recorded by the Russians themselves, but it is too early to say whether it means a serious offensive, the first clash having developed a bayonet encounter, the result of which neither side records.

Berlin and Vienna do not make reference to the conflict in this region, confining their statements to the Galician situation, where victories are claimed in various sections, from the Bessarabian frontier to Rawa Ruska, north of Lemberg.

The Germans claim the Teutonic forces have crossed the Dniester northwest of Halicz and have driven the Russians some miles into the hills.

Not since the war began has the English public been so convinced that it would be a long one. Those who took this view months ago were called pessimists but now it is generally admitted that the Russian armies must fight for months to come under tremendous disadvantages and that in the meantime the much heralded big general movement on the western front must be indefinitely postponed, while the Entente powers thoroughly reorganize their methods.

While the campaign for munitions in Great Britain is at its height it must be assumed that Germany is straining every fiber to the same end and calling into play her inventive skill so as to increase the deadly mechanisms of war to offset the inevitable and terrible drain on her men.

The present consensus of opinion among military writers in London is that Germany intends further to press her eastern victories with another battering ram stroke toward Warsaw in an endeavor to seize that city and the whole line of the Vistula.

The line of offensive now directed from the Przasnysz regions is along the valleys of the Omulew and Orzyc tributaries of the River Narow, which flows across North Poland and joins the bend of the Vistula above Warsaw.

Why He Didn't Help.

"Why did you not help the defendant in the fight if that's the case?" asked the examining counsel.

Mr. Casside looked at the lawyer with contempt and answered in a tone of blighting scorn: "For the reason that at the time I had no means of knowin' which o' them would be the defendant."—Buffalo Courier.

so, But don't let the newspaper do all the inviting. That is a practice in every respect as unfair as unfair can be.

And don't think either that your particular business is not affected. Be you a dealer in drugs, shoes, clothing, dry goods, groceries, hardware, insurance, lumber, or any article in daily use in this country, you are affected by the campaign of the mail order house against your business. Start your campaign by co-operating with your home newspaper.

Swat the mail-order house with its own weapon—Advertising.

Huerta's Revolutionary Expedition Nipped in Bud.

Washington, June 27.—The United States Government has frustrated for the present an attempt on the part of Gen. Victoriano Huerta and his associates to launch from American territory a new revolutionary movement in Mexico.

Detention of the former Mexican dictator with General Orozco and others at El Paso today followed nearly three months of espionage by Government agents. The Department of Justice has instructed United States Attorney Camp of the western district of Texas to take into custody these men, who seemingly were engaged in violations of American neutrality laws which forbid the recruiting of men, purchase of supplies therefor and the organizing of a military expedition on the soil of the United States to be used in operations against a people with which this country is at peace.

Mr. Camp was ordered to place before a grand jury at El Paso immediately all the evidence in his possession in order that indictments may be returned against any one guilty of an intent to violate American neutrality laws.

Apart from any considerations of policy which the Washington Government may have in mind for the settlement of the Mexican problem, the Department of Justice has the full sympathy of the Department of State in enforcing the individuals concerned. When Assistant Attorney General Warren called to the attention of Secretary Lansing the fact that General Huerta and his supporters appeared to be ready to set on foot an armed expedition into Mexico, Mr. Lansing indicated that this was a subject for the Department of Justice to handle, and the arrests ordered forthwith.

OTHERS ARE PLEASED

The development at El Paso caused a sensation in Mexican quarters here, both the Carranza and Villa agencies issuing statements rejoicing that the United States had checked an effort on the part of the so called reactionary interest to regain control of Mexican affairs. Both agencies had repeatedly called to the attention of the State Department the movements of the Huerta group, although today's action was said at the State Department to be entirely on the initiative of the Department of Justice.

While officials were reticent as to the probable development of the case against Huerta, it was indicated that the United States would retain in its custody for the present at least the man whose overthrow of Madero and Suarez and dictatorship in Mexico was declared by President Wilson to be responsible for the resulting turbulence in the Southern Republic. When General Huerta returned from Spain, the American Government made no effort to deport him, accepting his pledge that he did not intend to violate the laws of neutrality.

"Is the water where you live now hard or soft?" asked the aunt.

"It must be pretty hard," replied her niece. "The girl spattered some of it on the lamp chimney the other night and it broke all to pieces."

Orange Sorghum vs Cotton Seed Hulls.

Orange sorghum should be planted in three foot rows between June the 20th and July 10th, and thinned to eight or ten inches in the drill that the stalks may have space enough to grow at least an inch in diameter that when shocked up in large shocks of corn is often done for shredding, will remain green all winter and furnish an abundance of excellent food when often nothing else is available.

I prepared (four acres) as for cotton in three foot rows on July 10th and fed eleven head of brown cattle from Oct. 1st until Feb. the 15th. In addition to sorghum run through a feed cutter the milk cows received cotton seed meal and the dry cattle received nothing but sorghum the entire winter, and kept in good condition until the following spring.

Many farmers who constantly purchase hulls and then haul them many miles can plant at least a few acres of grain lands to sorghum and thus save the winter feed bill; depending of course on the yield of the crop.

Two fifths of an acre of good sorghum will feed a grown cow from four to five months. An acre of land that will produce a bale of cotton should with 200 pounds of cotton seed meal or from 80 to 100 pounds of soda produce ten tons of sorghum. The price of a ton or two of hulls will purchase a feed cutter, and the cane should be cut into short lengths for feeding.

When the crop is planted in the early July it will mature in October and should be shocked before a killing frost and securely tied around the tops with binder twine. Tighten the binds in about two weeks or as soon as the blades have dried thoroughly. Enough cane can be hauled and piled on the barn floor for several weeks feeding after the fodder has dried; but will heat and spoil if piled green.

If house room is abundant the cane can be shocked with safety on end; but will not remain green as long as cane with the stub ends standing in the moist dirt. Small stalks will dry out rapidly, but large stalks will remain green all winter; therefore produce a large stalk for best results.

Cut out the feed bill and grow sorghum and don't be afraid that sorghum will ruin your land as cotton will produce a better crop if planted after sorghum than if planted after cotton.

W. R. Elliott.
Dist. Dem. Agent.

Some One Was Wrong

Not long ago a political speaker, in the course of an address in a western city, happened in a rather oratorical tone to refer to Samson's slaying of the Philistines. To his surprise a man in the audience leaped to his feet with a contradiction.

"You're wrong, Mr. Speaker!" the man loudly declared.

For a moment the politician was at a loss. "What do you mean?" at last he inquired.

"I mean that you have got another guess coming," confidently answered the intruder. "It wasn't Sampson who licked the Philistines; it was Dewey."—Exchange.

Author's Nagging Wife—I wish you got a dollar for every word you write!

Irritated Author—I wish I got half a cent for every word you speak!—Judge.

Russians Retreat But Fight Fiercely.

The State, Saturday.
Petrograd seems to be in no wise discouraged over the enforced retirement of the Russian troops from Lemberg, whose capture by the Teutonic allies is being celebrated in all the towns of Austria and Germany. The Russian army is still in full retreat, advices from the Lemberg district indicate, although strong Russian rear guards are opposing the Austro-German advance.

Farther south along the Dniester river another Russian army is fighting desperately to prevent the Austrians and Germans from breaking through. The German Gen. Linsingen, Berlin reports, has crossed the river which is taken in that capital to indicate that his advance can not be stayed. But it is pointed out from Petrograd that at only one place on the entire length of the Dniester have the Austro Germans established themselves with any permanency on the right bank.

The latest Austrian official communication says that the Russians are retreating on the Dniester between the Vistula and the San and that north of the Vistula the Russian rear guards were driven beyond the Kamienka river, the Austrian occupying Ostrowiec and Sandomierz, in Poland, near the Galician border.

Artillery has held sway in the operations in France, the Germans expending a vast number of shells on Berry-au-Bac, Sapienul, in the Argonne and on Metzeral. A recent bombardment of Dunkirk by the Germans involved the expenditure of 36 tons of great shells from their long range guns. At less than hour intervals through an entire day a 16 inch shell fell into the city. The explosives wrought much damage but killed only a few civilians.

Great Britain has begun in earnest the work of producing munitions, first of all assembling the skilled workmen necessary to carry out the plan which David Lloyd-George, minister of munitions, has formulated. The first of the seven days allowed by the minister to the labor leaders to furnish the men is reported to have given good results in the way of recruiting.

Berlin advices say the prospects are good for the forthcoming German note to the United States meeting the American government's wishes regarding the submarine warfare. It is intimated that Germany may consent to an examination before taking action. England is preparing to take stock of her national resources, a bill providing for this having been prepared for introduction in the British parliament next week.

Snake Story From Anson.

Wadesboro Ansonian.

A small snake climbed a telephone pole and crossing the sidewalk on a piece of piping secured a little bird from a nest in the Covington building Saturday morning. The bird's nest was in a hole in the wall made to allow the telephone cables to pass into the building. The snake was making the return trip with the bird's head in its mouth when the mother bird came upon the scene. As she was an English sparrow, it may be imagined the kind of row she raised and the result was that the snake got excited and lost his balance, falling to the sidewalk below. The bird was rescued and the snake killed.

A Three-teacher School Within Reach of Every Child

Progressive Farmer.
A Three-Teacher school within reach of every child! This, we believe, is the slogan and battle cry which our educational forces all over the South should take up, and they and their successors should then keep up the fight until this now far-away ideal is realized.

It is not possible to give a child the right sort of educational training in a one-teacher school. Under such conditions a teacher must have so many recitations from so many pupils that it is impossible to give even half-way adequate attention to any pupil or any subject.

We do not mean by this that a bright, ambitious child cannot educate himself in a one-teacher school. He can educate himself—in a measure—anywhere. But we do mean to say that he cannot get proper help and guidance from his teacher, and for lack of such guidance thousands and thousands of potentially useful boys and girls never get waked up at all, never get inspiration, never apply themselves, while thousands of others who start out well get discouraged and give up, living out unhappy lives in ignorance and drudgery.

Now this is a tragedy—a positive tragedy enacted with heart-sickening frequency in your state, your county, your township, and we fear in your school. "That there should one Man die ignorant that had capacity for Knowledge—this I call a Tragedy," said Carlyle, "were it to happen more than twenty times in the minute, as indeed by some computations it does." That your boy or girl should go through life with faculties untouched by really effective education, Kind Reader, "that the lamp of his soul should go out"—this is the tragedy against which we are protesting, and to our plea we urge your most earnest attention. And sometimes it seems to us that the whole Southern educational problem is summed up in the astonishingly simple question: "Shall we let our children walk two miles to a good school or one mile to a sorry one?"

It is not necessary to say that it is The Progressive Farmer's opinion that it is better to walk two miles—or even two and a half, to the good school.

The Knocker.

The following is a picturesque definition of a knocker. Know anyone in your community who would fill the bill?

"When the Creator had made all the good things, there was still some work to do, so He made the beasts and reptiles and poisonous insects, and when He had finished He had some scraps that were too bad to put into the rattlesnake, the hyena, the scorpion and the skunk, so He put all these together, covered it with suspicion, wrapped it with jealousy, marked it with a yellow streak, and called it a knocker."—Siler City Grit.

At the end of three weeks of married life a southern darky returned to the minister who had performed the ceremony and asked for a divorce. After explaining that he could not grant divorces the minister tried to dissuade his visitor from carrying out his intention of getting one, saying:

"You must remember, Sam, that you promised to take Liza for better or for worse."

"Yassir, I knows dat, boss," rejoined the darky, "but—but she wuss dan I took her for."—Ex.